



State of Vermont

→* Executive Chamber.*←

Sutherland Falls, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1880.

J. W. GARRETT,

KING'S MOUNTAIN,

NORTH CAROLINA.

DEAR SIR :

IT WOULD GIVE ME GREAT PLEASURE TO ATTEND YOUR CENTENNIAL, BUT IT COMES AT THE OPENING OF THE SESSION OF OUR LEGISLATURE, WHICH OF COURSE MAKES IT UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE.

I SHOULD BE GLAD TO JOIN WITH YOU IN COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF A BATTLE WHICH HAD SO IMPORTANT AN INFLUENCE IN OUR STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL EXISTENCE.

ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE CELEBRATION, AND MY THANKS TO YOU AND TO THE COMMITTEE YOU REPRESENT FOR YOUR INVITATION.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

REDFIELD PROCTOR.

(DICTATED. C.)